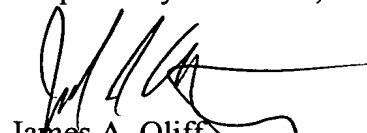


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-7 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 3 and 4 are amended to remove multiple dependencies and claims 5-7 are added. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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